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MESSAGE:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Response to the Office letter of August 18, 2003. Please confirm receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Kelman

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APPLICANT: W. STICHT (36) EXAMINER: JOHN C. HONG
SERIAL NO.: 09/485,947 GROUP: 3726
FILED: APRIL 21, 2000
FOR: SMART AXES AND RELATED METHOD

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the
Office letter dated August 18, 2003.

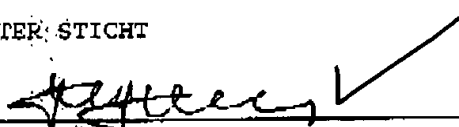
(1) While the Examiner indicates claims 07-146 to be
pending, the last-filed amendment presents only claims 88-91,
93, 111, 113, 116, 117 and 121-146.

(2) Since claims 88-91, 93, 111, 113, 116, 117 and 121-
125 depend on the sole independent claim remaining in the
application, the original restriction requirement no longer
applies thereto, and these claims should not be withdrawn since
they are now directed to specific embodiments of the elected
species.

Applicant respectfully requests an amended Office action taking the above points into consideration to enable him to respond within a new term set for response.

Respectfully submitted,

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